

U.S. Embassy, Manila, Philippines

Message for U.S. Citizens: Election 2016 - Make sure your voice is heard! January 4, 2016

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD.

Many states require absentee voters to re-register annually, and the Embassy encourages citizens residing abroad to visit **www.FVAP.gov** to review their states' registration requirements.

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) registers you to vote and acts as a request for your State absentee ballots for the year. It is important to complete a new FPCA every year, every time you move, or at least 90 days prior to the election you want to vote in.

Completing a new FCPA is easy at www.FVAP.gov:

- Select your State from the drop-down on the home page
- Click the box at the bottom of the page to Register to Vote, Request a Ballot or Update My Voter
- The FVAP online tool will walk you through the form, and provide you with a PDF packet to
 print, sign and send directly to your local election official (LEO); links are also provided here for
 States that offer online voter registration
- You can check the status of your registration and/or ballot request by contacting your LEO at any time

If you have questions about voting, you can also contact the Embassy at VoteManila@state.gov.

See the <u>State Department's travel website</u> for the <u>Worldwide Caution</u>, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Philippines Country Specific Information.

Enroll in the <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program</u> (<u>STEP</u>) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.

Contact the U.S. Embassy in Manila, Philippines, located at 1201 Roxas Boulevard, at +(63) (2) 301-2000, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +(63) (2) 301-2000.

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